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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In a telephone interview on May 8, 2008, differences between the cited art, (namely Rhoads '914) and the Application were discussed. Claims have been amended and arguments presented in this response to clarify the differences.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

None

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1, 4-9, 12-22, 24, 26-28, and 35-42.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1, 4-9, 12-22, 24, 26-28, and 35-42

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims: None

Amended claims: 8, 13-16, 18-19, 24, 35, 38-39, and 41-42

New claims: None
